

REMARKS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed, and reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

In the amendment, claims 2 and 4-8 are deleted, and claim 1 is amended which is substantially the combination of original claims 1-2 and 4-8 so as to make the claimed invention more distinguishably patentable over the prior arts cited by the Examiner.

Original claims 1, 4 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shiotani et al. (5,257,570). The Examiner states that Shiotani teaches a circular sawing machine including a base 1 and a saw seat 14 which is movable relative to the base 1, and a link mechanism 4 which is pivotally mounted between the base 1 and the saw seat 14, so that the saw seat 14 is linearly movable relative to the base. To compare Shiotani with the amended claim 1, Shiotani does not teach or suggest any V-shaped structure, such as the two first links, the two second links, the third links and the connecting seat. Consequently, the link mechanism, having the V-shaped structures, of the Application can absorb vibration or shock during operation and fully folded so that the link mechanism will not occupy much space when not in use. Lacking such a teaching or suggestion, a determination of anticipation is improper.

Original claims 1, 4 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Olsen (1,765,733). To compare Olsen with the amended claim 1, Olsen does not teach or suggest any V-shaped structure, such as the two first links, the two second links, the third links and the

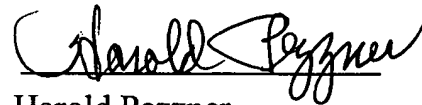
connecting seat. The links of Olsen are sequentially pivotally interlocked so that the saw blade of Olsen can only be horizontally moved. It is inconveniently operated.

Original claims 2-3 and 5-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olsen in view of Kroeker (6,719,516). The Examiner stated that Olsen does not teach two symmetrically opposite third links each having a first end pivotally mounted on a second end of a respective one of the two second links and a second end pivotally mounted on a connecting seat which is mounted on the saw blade. Kroeker teaches the element numbered 358 is a strut that only provides a function for supporting not for link. In addition, the drive arm 354 and the strut 358 are located on a same plane. Kroeker discloses a single wafer load lock. However, one skilled in the art about circular saw has few opportunity to view a structure about single wafer. Consequently, one skilled in the art viewing Olsen and Kroeker would not be motivated to dispose two symmetrically opposite third links each having a first end pivotally mounted on a second end of a respective one of the two second links and a second end pivotally mounted on a connecting seat which is mounted on the saw blade. In the absence of such suggestion or motivation, Applicant respectfully urge that a determination of non-obviousness is required for original claims 2-3 and 5-9.

Accordingly, by the amendments, it is believed that the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) should be withdrawn, and the amended claim 1 should be allowable. Applicant respectfully submits that the

amended claims 1, 3 and 9-12 are in a condition for allowance and requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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